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Hel - lo Cen - tral, what's the
Sun day night my beau pro -

§ Till ready

mat - ter with this line? I want to talk — to that
posed — to — me; Said he'd be hap - py if his

High Brown of mine, — Tell me how long will — I have to
wif - ie I'd be, — Said he "How long will — I have to

wait? Please give me 2 9 8, — Why do you hes - i -
 wait? Come be my wife my Kate, Why do you hes - i -

tate? — What you say, can't
 tate?" I de - clined him

talk to my Brown! A storm last night blowed the wires all down; Tell me
 just for a stall- He left that night on the Can - non Ball; Hon-ey,

how long will I have to wait?
 how long will I have to wait?

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Oh, won't you tell me now — Why do you hes - i - tate?
Will he come back now — Or will he hes - i - tate?

CHORUS

"Pro-cras-ti - na - tion is the thief of time," So all the wise owls

say, ————— "One stitch in time may save nine,"

To-morrow's not to - day. And if you put off

Somebody's bound to lose. I'd be his,

he'd be mine, And I'd be feel - ing gay, Left a lone

to grieve and pine, My best friend's gone a - way, He's gone and

left me The Hes - i - tat - ing Blues. _____

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